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ONE ARTICLE TO A CONTACT OF ANOTHER ARTICLE

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Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicants enclose a Fourteenth Form PTO-1449, a copy and an English abstract of reference AJ3 cited thereon, and a copy of a European Examination Report issued on November 28, 2005 in a counterpart European Application.
- 2) This Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue, because the Issue Fee has already been paid. In view of the RCE, the prosecution is to be reopened and this Information Disclosure Statement is properly considered and does not require a fee under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(4).

- 3) Reference AI3 is in English. Reference AJ3 is accompanied by an English Abstract and is further cited for what is shown in the drawings thereof. Therefore no further discussion of the references is necessary.
- 4) Moreover, the enclosed European Examination Report shows why the European Examiner found these references to be relevant against claims 1 to 3 of the counterpart European application. The European Examiner's remarks are not adopted or ratified by the applicant, but are provided for the U.S. Examiner's consideration of possible relevance of the references with respect to the present U.S. claims.
- 5) The Examiner is requested to consider all references of record, return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures:
Fourteenth Form PTO-1449,
1 reference,
1 English abstract,
copy of Examination Report

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